YOU, ME, AND THE DESERT ISLAND

YOUR TURMOIL

The Honest Life of a Game Studio Chapter 3

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hah
hah
hah
MEDICINE
ANTIDOTE
MATERIAL
MUGWORT
AREA
H4 (GATHERING SK
ATION
MIXING SKILL 1
CCESS
(SKILL LEVEL 1 W
I know where the herb is, but...
...it'll base on my mixing skill ta make the medicine?
I'll have ta gather a shitload ta account for failure...
tch
hah
hah
I'm positive ...
...it was on this page.
tap
tap
tap
Here!
LECTIBLE ITEM
TRIBUTION TABLE
click
click
The antidote.

NPC SETTINGS
slide
...joins the protagonist
ta improve their life on the island.
The NPC that shows up after the protagonist drifts into the island...
※ NPC = NONPLAYER CHARACTER
glance
...
...
...
hah
hah
hah
Joint actions increase favorability.
Heroine (NPC)
Protagonist (PC)
and raises the action's success rate.
Repeating joint actions boost the rating...
The protagonist and the NPC both have a favorability rating.
Well, fuck.
scratch
scratch
He can DIE...?!
DEATH.
Not attending to injuries, illness, depression, and other status ailments lead to...
The NPC has less HP and poison resistance than the protagonist, making them vulnerable to stress.
Lost...

Hang on, Anan!
I'll have yer medicine.
Nobu-san...
pat
hah
hah
Is he...
going
some-where?
hah
shssk
thwp
...and I leave Anan alone,
pant
pant
pant
he'll definitely die...
If it's the one in the desert island game...
skff
skff
...If this island is what I think it is...
thwp

...No, the other way of lookin' at this is...
huff
FUCK ...!
hah
fhoosh
wheee
But in a game world,
...if this is real, I'll never be able ta save Anan.
Some kinda antivenom in an island like this ain't possible to get.
As long as I have the antidote, I can save Anan.
there should be herbs in places I've designated, for sure.
hah
hah
cough
.....
YES!
breathe
I just have ta BELIEVE it...!

krsh
krsh
haa
What
is he
doing?
krsh
krsh
Scary...
KRSH
KRSH
haa
Nobu-
san,
I'm
sorry.
Grind to
a paste
and pour
water...
fwish
Fuckin'
bitter.
I can't
even tell if
I succeeded
or not.
smear
With a
Mixing
Skill
Level 1,
the
odds of
success
are 1 in
10.
Please
tell me I got
at least 1
right...
And can
the success
rate go up if
the favorability
rating is
higher?
Anan.
Drink!
It's
medicine.
haa
haa

イラァ…
Grr
Ugh!
Can't
It's... bitter!
オエッ
blech
ボッ
xoff
There ya go. Drink it!
grip
グイ
sigh
ゴクン
gulp
SLUUURP
ブゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ
Take it like an adult,
Ya bastard!
SPILL
This is HELL...
オウエエエ
barf
Fuck me. Bitter AND revolting.
Shit, I have ta do this 9 more times...
Ngh
Nhgnh...

Gotta get this done...
pant
pant
pant
Koff
Koff
Koff
Koff
...
...
...
From a different point-of-view, he looks dead...
blub
blub
blub
Ahh... This water is heaven...
gulp
gulp
twitch
twitch
That... That was exhausting...
HE SOMEHOW MANAGED.
clunk
Good thing--!
YANK
spill
While I'm at it,
I might as well get rid of the taste with some water.
I didn't really need ta use my mouth...
Ah.
I got caught up in the moment.

hah
Nh
Mn...
Muh-
hah
stroke
slurp
Wa'er
hah
More,
Fwease
wa'er
hah
Ah
fuah
hah
Sorry.
We've used it all up.
suck

What the hell are ya doin'...?!!
Wait a minute...
He's yer fuckin' companion
Plus, he's sick!

guuuu...

Wow. He looks like he's in agony.....

ghhhhh

!!

STARTLE

Ugh.

Ngh...

The medicine Nobu-san made for me...

The swelling's all gone...

shake

shake

D... drink...

me

Helped...

He also helped me drink the medicine...

For my sake.

So--
Sor--
That
I--
GHK!
TWHACK
GAAAH
twist
JUMP!
uwaaah

It's like we're in a light novel...

It's still unfinished, so it's only getting from the specs.

I don't got the faintest idea of how we came ta be... but here we are.

...This island is the one in the desert island game?

WOW...

It's too big a privilege to get to be in YOUR game world, Nobu-San.

Well, 'cause

Yer gettin' a little kick outta this, aren't ya?

And yer a lil' TOO accepting.

O.G. FAN OF NOBU-GAMES

How could a game like that be any fun?!

Easy ain't in MY dictionary.

Then, maybe we can add a super easy mode!

OH PLEASE! THE GAME WON'T BE CONSCIOUS OF ITS OWN FAILINGS!!!

I tried that. Didn't take.

At least have it like "the characters DON'T die."

...Okay, so moving forward, can we change the settings?

So, um.

I can add stuff to the file, but I can't seem ta modify it.

The game world follows the rules on the specs.

Then, how can we...
...leave this game world?
thing is,
I haven't figured that out yet.
WHAAAAAT
The End
I guess it's a safe bet to say it's ta "finish the game,"
but...
I WAS PLANNING TA COME UP WITH THE VICTORY CONDITION WHILE WE WERE TRAVELING...
buuu
So— So— So then,
panic あわわわ
Let's get to adding the conditions so we CAN finish it!
If we don't,
we'll be stuck living like this. *Indefinitely...!*
.....
That doesn't actually sound bad.

All I want is ta create games.
Nothin' else holds meaning for me.
And they got nothin' ta do with games. It's just one depressing shit after another caging me in.
If I go back ta reality, troublesome shit's gonna get in my way.
Seriously. Just living by simple means. That's happiness right there.
And I ain't bothered if I stay on this island.
For a gamer, ain't this right here livin' the dream?
...Nobu-san...
I wanted ta simulate that straightforward experience.
...where yer able ta get away from the humdrum and just live simply...
I wanted ta create a desert island game...

But...
for games like this one, the end goal is usually to...
"GET OUT"
You yourself wanted to run away to ■ desert island...
...I think I understand why you couldn't set ■ victory condition.
I get it...
it didn't make sense for you to write a victory condition.
...You'd prefer to stay here forever so,
And I could feel you poured *your heart and soul* into each and every game.
I was always thrilled with the different games you designed.
I've been playing your games since high school, Nobu-san!

And Nobu-san,
even as I say that you want to run away,
I can see that this game is all that consumes your mind.
...But this tiny island is *merely* a sandbox.
If you don't put your whole *SOUL* into completing it, it will remain an unfinished world...
Can *THE* Nobu-san live in this unfinished world?
Can he be satisfied with a solitary game world?
So...
starting from now, I would like to support your game-making
in my own way through General Affairs.
I'll give it all I can so you can focus on making the game.
and see...
your new works...!
to go back to our own world...
So,
I would like

Sorry.
sigh

sob
hic
sob
sob
sob
This guy looks like a high school baseball player who lost big time.

We'll get outta this game.
I owe it to ya.
wobbly
OK
ruffle
ruffle
I made ya ingest the most disgusting shit.
You shouldn't worry about *me*.

.....So.
For the final phase of the game...
...how about we "build a boat"?

I more or less have the data. We can figure it out with this, right?
We need ta make a bigger raft.
If we're gonna get out, sailing on a shoddy boat ain't gonna cut it.
ssk
ssk

Boat...?
wipe

Ah.
Okay.
Here. Take a look.

Huh...
Wuh-- What's this...?
BDMP
But first, let's add the victory condition.
tk
tk
tk

I--
FLINCH
I'm here!!
...Oi, Anan!

So near so near so near so near
Am I-- Am I being too conscious?
BDMP
BDMP
"End goal: raft creation." Sound good?

Yer achievements in-game has ta have positive and negative constraints!

HUH ?!

Why are you so quick to put a time limit on this?!

Next, we set the deadline for getting out.

If we don't have a raft when the deadline hits, it's game over.

THE FUTILITY OF GOING AGAINST A MOTIVATED CREATIVE MIND.

Alright! I'm pumped!!

We'll work backward based on the size of the raft ta settle on the deadline.

...You're raising the bar when there's ZERO need!

I SEE that it makes NO SENSE!

Ah! I see it now...

So gamey...

Combining 'em gives the game more tension, doesn't it?

A negative constraint restricts ya to the time limit for achieving yer goal.

A positive constraint enables ya ta craft everything from scratch.

LIMIT

If ya add it all up that makes 40 days!

Assuming it takes 16 days ta make a medium-sized raft,

First, it's gonna take 9 days ta boost our skills for making rafts.

It's been 15 days since we've been stranded, right?

Oh-- so that's our...

Isn't that cutting it TOO close?

OK, the timeframe to get out is 40 days.

Woah

DLINE

40 DAYS

I'd RATHER we play it...
It's the quickest way, though?
But that's not to our advantage!
Ain't it better ta clear it in the least amount of days?
So you DON'T actually want to leave?!

Well... um...
If you're determined to clear this, Nobu-san, then that's fine...
BDMP
BDMP
BDMP
We... We'll be fine.
Rather, a game with not as many constraints...
ain't mine...

ぶ
...safe...
whoosh
わっ
Close...!

So hey, Anan.
So--
I'm going ta tell ya why ya don't have ta worry so much.
Look at the status screen.
Hm?

.....
AWKWARD
BDMP
BDMP
EXCUSE MY-RUDENESS...!

The protagonist and the NPC both have a favorability rating.

The more they work together, the higher the favorability they have.

...NPC favora-bility?

Here's the entry.

In this world, yer treated as an NPC.

I didn't modify it, but the way the specs are changing every now and then...

...was in response ta our skills increasing.

STATUS INFO

HP

MP

Gathering Skill

Cooking Skill

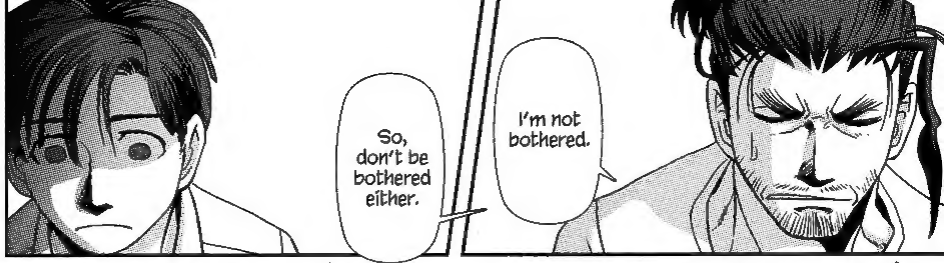
Treating the NPC's status ailments

will also increase their rating.

...IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THE GAME SETTINGS.

Originally, the NPC was going ta be female,

so if yer havin' strange feelings for me...


So, don't be bothered either.
I'm not bothered.

I'm okay with it if you are.
It's nothing strange.
So...
because I admire you as your fan.
I like you, Nobu-san,
...That can't be it.

all on me.
It's all my fault.
This is really
hic
ふぐッ
sob
うう
うう
ugh
うッ
Ah-
あッ
PAT
ポン
I'm sorry.

I got you into this.

I'm sorry.

I made you go through a game as botched as this one.

And for that,

I'm sorry.